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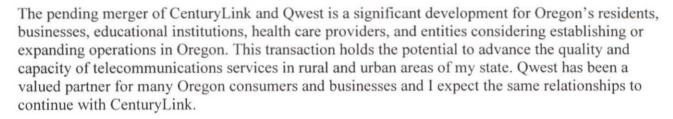


Congress of the United States House of Representatives

September 23, 2010

The Honorable Julius Genachowski Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:



Looking back on how previous telecommunication mergers have unfolded in Oregon, the 2008/2009 merger between CenturyLink (known at that time as CenturyTel) and Embarq comes to mind. As you know, CenturyLink assumed all Embarq network properties, including those in Oregon during this merger. From the perspective of a policymaker and customer in the Embarq service area that CenturyLink assumed, I would characterize this merger as a smooth one. As the Federal Communications Commission reviews the merger of CenturyLink and Qwest, I ask the Commission to make sure that this merger is as seamless and efficient as possible for residential, business and wholesale customers located in the impacted service area in Oregon. I am also aware that our Oregon Public Utility Commission is evaluating this transaction and I hope you will take their views into account.

I appreciate your careful consideration of this matter.

Best regards,

Greg Walden

Member of Congress

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October 25, 2010

The Honorable Greg Walden U.S. House of Representatives 2352 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Walden:

Thank you for your letter supporting the proposed transfer of control between CenturyLink and Qwest. I value your perspective on the potential benefits of this transaction and I appreciate your interest in this matter.

Many of the issues associated with this transaction – investment in broadband infrastructure, extending broadband to rural areas, and job creation – are among my highest priorities as Chairman. The Commission takes seriously its evaluation of transfer of control applications; and you can be assured that it will consider these issues as part of its careful and deliberate review of this proposed transfer.

Your letter will be included in the record of this proceeding. If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Julius Genachowski